

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 278 - HB 549

March 26, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the estate of a deputy jailer of a local government who is killed in the line of duty to receive an annuity in the amount of \$250,000, paid over five years in \$50,000 installments.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005238): Changes the effective date from upon becoming a law to upon becoming law, and unless otherwise prohibited by the United States or Tennessee Constitution, is retroactive to March 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-210, the estate of a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty is entitled to receive a \$250,000 annuity, paid by the state in installments of \$50,000 each year for five years.
- According to the Officer Down Memorial Page organization, which assembles information on all officers who died in the line of duty, zero deputy jailers have died in the line duty between 2014 and 2019.
- The Department of Finance and Administration budgets for four line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers annually.
- The proposed language is not estimated to result in a significant increase in the number of line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers who are currently provided a state funded death benefit in any given fiscal year; therefore, any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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